

## **Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening & Support Timeline**

*The following is a partial list of milestones in the development of the Standards over the years. We are grateful to all the networks, organizations, and individuals that helped make them possible.*

### **1981**

- Family Resource Coalition co-founded in Chicago

### **1993**

- Annie E. Casey Foundation provided funding to the Family Resource Coalition to engage programs and practitioners throughout the country in the process of standardizing practice

### **1996**

- Guidelines for Family Support Practice issued by the Family Resource Coalition

### **1997**

- Family Resource Coalition renamed Family Resource Coalition of America

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### **2003**

- Strengthening Families Initiative is funded by the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and launched at the Center for the Study of Social Policy

### **2004**

- San Francisco Family Support Network co-founded

### **2005**

- Strengthening Families Framework with its research-based, evidence-informed 5 Protective Factors issued by the Strengthening Families Initiative of the Center for the Study of Social Policy

### **2006**

- Family Support America closes

### **2007**

- San Francisco Family Support Standards issued by the San Francisco Family Support Network

**2008**

- First San Francisco Family Support Standards Certification trainings are conducted

**2009**

- Family Support funding in San Francisco aligned across three departments – the San Francisco Family Support Standards play a key role in making this possible
- California Network of Family Strengthening Networks co-founded
- San Francisco Family Support Network presents the San Francisco Family Support Standards and the story of their impact at the 1<sup>st</sup> convening of the California Network of Family Strengthening networks

**2010**

- California Network of Family Strengthening Networks receives first funding from the S.H. Cowell Foundation through Strategies/Youth for Change which includes exploring the development of statewide standards
- Standards Development Committee established comprised of 10 member networks – urban, rural, large, small, evolving and established. The leveraged support of these networks, including Strategies through the California Office of Child Abuse Prevention, assists the Standards development project

**2011**

- Standards Development Committee conducts a research review of 17 different sets of standards across the United States, and chooses to work off of the San Francisco Family Support Standards
- National Network of Family Support & Strengthening Networks co-founded in Colorado
- California Network presents about the Standards development project at convenings and meetings of the National Network
- Draft of Standards vetted with Members of the California Network of Family Strengthening Networks and their members for the first time – more than 1,000 programs across California

## **2012**

- Draft of Standards reviewed by the Center for the Study of Social Policy to confirm their appropriate incorporation of the Strengthening Families Framework
- Second draft of Standards vetted with Members of the California Network of Family Strengthening Networks and their members for the second time – more than 1,000 programs across California
- Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening & Support approved by California Network of Family Strengthening Networks Membership
- Standards Training Committee established, Standards Certification Training developed, first Standards Certification trainings are conducted, and 1<sup>st</sup> Standards Training of Trainers Institute held in San Francisco
- California Network presents about the Standards at convenings and meetings of the National Network

## **2013**

- California Network of Family Strengthening Networks website launched – Standards and all implementation tools posted on website for free download
- 2nd Standards Training of Trainers Institute held in San Diego
- Standards incorporated into the Family Engagement Enhanced Pathway of California's Race to the Top Family Quality Ratings and Improvement System
- Independent research, a literature review commissioned by the Family Resource Association in Colorado and conducted by the OMNI Institute in Denver, identified seven key components for effective Family Resource Centers - all of which are represented in the Standards.
- First Standards Certification Trainings conducted outside of California (Colorado and Arizona)
- National Network of Family Support & Strengthening Networks holds a national summit on standards in New Hampshire, reviews the standards states are currently using, and agrees to adopt the Standards of Quality for national implementation
- Standards of Quality presented at various national conferences
- 689 people certified on the Standards (623 California, 66 beyond California)

As of 10/18/15

## **2014**

- Standards included in the Center for the Study of Social Policy's list of tools to support Strengthening Families implementation
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Standards Training of Trainers Institute (Sacramento) – 1<sup>st</sup> to include trainers from states outside of California
- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Standards Training of Trainers Institute held (San Francisco and San Diego)
- Standards presented at various national conferences
- CA Network and National Network co-hire contractual Standards Training Coordinator
- 1,466 people certified on the Standards (1,054 California, 412 beyond California)

## **2015**

- Standards presented for the first time internationally – at the Canadian Association of Family Resource Programs (FRP) in Toronto
- 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Standards Training of Trainers Institute held (San Francisco and San Diego)
- First Standards Re-Certification training held
- Over 2,000 people certified on the Standards nationally (1,376 California, 715 beyond California)
- Guide for Navigating the Standards Program Self-Assessment Tool, *Strengthening Families Self-Assessment for Community-Based Programs* from the Center for the Study of Social Policy and *Tools for Peer Review and Beyond* from FRIENDS
- Crosswalk of the Standards with Trauma Informed Care developed
- Ownership of the Standards transfers to the National Network of Family Support and Strengthening Networks
- First National Standards Summit held